

REMARKS

Entry of the amendment to Paragraph 1 of the Specification, which updates the Government Rights paragraph, is respectfully solicited.

A telephone conversation between the Examiner and Applicants' undersigned attorney on March 17, 2005 resulted in a provisional election being made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, originally numbered claims 1 - 25 and an Examiner's Amendment being made to amend originally numbered claim 1, to delete originally numbered claims 2 - 4, and to amend originally numbered claim 5 to be dependent upon claim 1. Thereafter, the Examiner renumbered the remaining claims in light of the deleted claims. Applicants note that Page 4 of the Notice of Allowability, contained a typographical error indicating that originally numbered claims 2 - 5 were deleted by the Examiner, instead of correctly indicating originally numbered claims 2 - 4 were deleted by the Examiner. The election of Group I, claims 1 - 25, without traverse is hereby affirmed by Applicants. Applicants thank the Examiner for the prompt notification of allowance of the elected claims.

Unelected claims 26 - 33 (Group II) are cancelled without prejudice and Applicants reserve the right to timely file a divisional or continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner determine that additional issues remain which might be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney.

This Amendment is submitted prior to or concurrently with the payment of the issue fee and, therefore, no petition or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,



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